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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was about steady in the Northeast, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was irregular and ranged light to good entering the holiday weekend. Food service was moderate to good, best into fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available; bone-in breasts were adequate. Tenders and the jumbo sized wings were well cleared. Leg items were about adequate. In production areas, live supplies moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/01/03-09/05/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| (Including branded product) | | | | |
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 54.00-57.00 | 54.00-64.50 | 56.52 | 26 |
| Los Angeles | 74.00 | | | |
| New York | 57.00-60.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 67.50-69.00 | 54.00-72.00 | 68.65 | 81 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 822 | 63.29-71.50 | 68.68 |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM | WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 207.00 | 1,175 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 204.50 | 4,441 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 104.50 | 1,633 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 82.00 | 836 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 32.50 | 7,698 |
| WINGS | 79.50 | 2,664 |

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority price into Chicago was unchanged from last Monday's final majority price. Trade sentiment on whole broiler's mostly steady. Additional offers were adequate for buyer's current needs. Retail demand was irregular, light to fairly good and generally not up to holiday expectations. Food service demand was fair to good, best into fast food channels and into special events. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of wings were adequate on regular sizes, larger size wings and tenderloins barely adequate, leg quarters and breast items adequate. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady on wings and tenders and steady on balance of items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to moderate best for feature activity; food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Bone-in breast were adequate and in closer balance than earlier in the week. Boneless skinless breast were at least adequate to available. Tenderloins and jumbo wings were well cleared. Dark meat items were also moving well with supplies no more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were the same as last Fridays'. The market tone was steady overall with reported trading on regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were in fairly good balance. Retailer demand was good overall, best to cover the Labor Day weekend needs. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – boneless breast 177-379, boneless thigh meat 3# bag IQF 599, boneless thigh meat 249, boneless breast tenders 177-349, split breast 149, leg quarter 79, leg quarter 5# bag 195;

Colorado – boneless breast 399, leg quarter 39, split breast 4# bag IQF 556, (food service deli section fried – mixed 8 piece 449-499, 50 piece mixed 2499, 100 piece mixed 4899, 250 piece mixed 11999, and 500 piece mixed 23499; drumstick and thigh 10 piece 429, 50 piece drumstick and thigh 1746, 100 piece drumstick and thigh 3441, 250 piece drumstick and thigh 8226 and 500 piece drumstick and thigh 15999);

Northern California – whole 79, boneless breast free range 549, boneless breast 199, split breast 119-129, whole leg 139, drumstick 119-139, thigh 119-139, leg quarter 119, wing 139;

Southern California – whole body 59-119, whole cut-up 97-149, seasoned roaster 97, roaster 84-149, Cornish hen marinated 199, Cornish hen 12 count case 1898, Cornish hen 6 count 998-999, boneless breast 197-399, boneless breast tenders 299, boneless breast marinated 197, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless thigh meat 4# bag IQF 499, boneless leg meat 69-129, boneless leg meat marinated 199, split breast 97-179, whole leg 114, leg quarter marinated 99, leg quarter 10# bag 390, seasoned leg quarter 77, leg quarter 77-119, wing 99-119, wing 5# bag IQF 599, thigh 79-169, drumstick 79-169, drumettes 159, ground chicken 189, chicken kabobs 399, chicken livers 84, (food service deli section fried – mixed 8 piece 399-599, 12 piece mixed 599, 50 piece mixed 2399, 100 piece mixed 4799 and 150 piece mixed 7199).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive for the holiday weekend. Offerings of 2.5 to 3 pound birds were sufficient but heavier sizes were available and in the longest position. Retail movement was slow but distributive movement was even slower and unaggressive. The market tone was no better than about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to slightly more available, and bone-in breasts were usually adequate. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were usually clearing.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased and was moderate to good as buyers looked to assure adequate stocks through the holiday extended weekend. Offerings varied, and were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Most plants are scheduled to close on Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate. Most other items were in good balance to short of immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| RANGE | 56-68 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 60.44 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 10,150 |
| CUMULATIVE | 60.93 |
| | 80.81 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 41,803 |
| | 52,233 |

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 28

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 29

| ITEM | POUNDS | | | | WTD | POUNDS | | | | WTD | WEEKLY |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------|-----|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|--------|
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | AVG | | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | | |
| BREAST - B/S | 892 | 162.00-240.00 | 164-167 | 167.37 | | 902 | 167.00-240.00 | 169-174 | 175.00 | 4,646 | 172.36 |
| TENDERLOINS | 317 | 155.00-217.00 | 155-159 | 162.53 | | 265 | 157.00-217.00 | 157-159 | 164.31 | 1,395 | 168.28 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 100 | 92.00-111.00 | 93-95 | 95.34 | | 98 | 89.00-111.00 | 92-95 | 94.95 | 424 | 95.41 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 287 | 84.07 |
| LEGS | 128 | 30.00-50.00 | 30-33 | 33.36 | | 128 | 31.00-50.00 | 32-33 | 33.63 | 585 | 33.74 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 617 | 26.00-29.00 | 27 | 27.00 | | 609 | 26.00-29.00 | 27 | 27.12 | 3,125 | 26.94 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,135 | 29.00-34.00 | 29-31 | 30.09 | | 1,330 | 29.00-34.00 | 29-31 | 30.24 | 6,070 | 30.12 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | 282 | 70.00-81.00 | - | 78.30 | 1,230 | 77.91 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 476 | 80.00-87.00 | — | 83.49 | | 421 | 80.00-92.00 | 80-82 | 83.78 | 1,981 | 83.69 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 56 | 54.29 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 184 | 64.35 |
| B/S THIGHS | 95 | 70.00-90.00 | — | 78.63 | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 474 | 77.61 |

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUGUST 28, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUGUST 29, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

5-DAY

RANGE

AVERAGE

RANGE

AVERAGE

AVERAGE

53.75 - 58.50

56.32

54.00 - 58.50

55.55

55.53

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was very light as dealers saw no need to extend inventories beyond holiday weekend needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available, bone-in breasts were noted as sufficient to well balanced. Dark meat cuts and tenderloins were clearing easily. Overall, wings were irregular from location to location. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light. Trade sentiment remained cautious on boneless-skinless breast and about steady on the balance. Most buyers were assessing markets and taking a wait and see attitude to see what would be available early next week.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. August 29
August 28

| ITEM | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD | WEEKLY |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----|-------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | | |
| BREAST - B/S | 175-180 | 179.82 | 437,330 | | 175-180 | 180.08 | 455,120 | 179.75 | 2,284,720 |
| TENDERLOINS | 145-150 | 154.04 | 68,160 | | 150 | 155.36 | 112,560 | 151.49 | 499,510 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 86-87 | 91.95 | 239,680 | | 85-86 | 91.86 | 330,760 | 90.74 | 1,267,720 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 86 | 86.76 | 124,680 | | 85 | 85.65 | 60,880 | 86.26 | 506,640 |
| LEGS | 37-38 | 38.50 | 197,160 | | 37-38 | 38.42 | 266,560 | 37.68 | 1,238,960 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 27-28 | 29.06 | 424,123 | | 27-28 | 28.68 | 481,691 | 28.91 | 2,122,174 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 33-34 | 41.01 | 124,790 | | 33-34 | 39.21 | 104,660 | 40.08 | 525,390 |
| THIGHS | 26-27 | 38.02 | 82,410 | | 26-27 | 39.44 | 65,030 | 38.59 | 334,520 |
| B/S THIGHS | 69-70 | 74.31 | 59,160 | | 71-72 | 72.44 | 55,880 | 74.41 | 305,150 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 68-69 | 76.54 | 123,680 | | 69-70 | 76.28 | 156,470 | 72.90 | 877,980 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.89 | 22,440 | | 10-12 | 11.97 | 42,520 | 12.07 | 166,280 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 25-30 | 26.72 | 18,440 | | 25-30 | 29.64 | 12,920 | 29.64 | 67,315 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 35-40 | 41.97 | 16,080 | | 35-40 | 40.24 | 32,000 | 41.62 | 108,120 |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | ESTIMATED | | ACTUAL | | AVG WT | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS |
|----------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
| | 08/29 | 08/28 | 08/27 | 08/26 | 08/27 | 08/26 | 08/27 | 08/26 | |
| ALA | 4,488 | 4,048 | 4,051 | 4,005 | 5.11 | 5.16 | 4,296 | 5.12 | |
| ARK | 5,546 | 5,332 | 5,342 | 5,129 | 4.85 | 4.89 | 5,346 | 4.84 | |
| DELMARVA | 2,748 | 2,277 | 2,318 | 2,277 | 5.31 | 5.35 | 2,325 | 5.38 | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,281 | 1,970 | 1,928 | 1,993 | 4.82 | 4.89 | 2,146 | 4.88 | |
| MISS | 3,153 | 3,037 | 3,037 | 2,913 | 5.15 | 5.32 | 2,639 | 5.16 | |
| NC | 3,602 | 2,516 | 2,465 | 2,659 | 6.11 | 6.14 | 2,520 | 6.13 | |
| TEXAS | 2,609 | 2,490 | 2,525 | 2,512 | 4.80 | 5.07 | 2,462 | 4.90 | |
| TOTAL | 24,427 | 21,670 | 21,666 | 21,318 | 5.12 | 5.22 | 21,734 | 5.16 | |
| MON-FRI | 111,488(A) | | | | 107,477(A) | | | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Aug-03 and 30-Aug-03 is estimated to be 36,546,000 up 12.06 percent from a week ago and down 2.4 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 32,614,000; last year 37,436,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 30-Aug-03 is estimated to be 161,267,000 head unchanged or 0 percent from a week ago, and down 3 percent from a year ago
(Last week 160,560,000 Last year 165,624,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|-------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 92-98 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 80-95 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | |
| HENS OVER 5# | 63 |
| DUCKS | - |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | - |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | - |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

| | RANGE |
|------------------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 107-109 |
| DRY PACK | |
| ICE PACK | 100-103 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 113 |
| DRY PACK | |
| ICE PACK | 104-105 |
| HENS OVER 5# | 91-98 |
| ICE PACK | |
| DRY PACK | |
| DUCKS | 155-166 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 16-Aug-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Head | 21,598 | 26,338 | 44,638 |
| Avg Weight | 3.76 | 4.71 | 6.26 |
| % of total /1 | 23% | 28% | 48% |

COMPARISONS

| | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week | 22,630 | 22,655 | 50,566 |
| Avg Weight | 3.77 | 4.69 | 6.05 |
| % of total /1 | 24% | 24% | 53% |

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 15,906 | 15,741 | 22,779 |
| Avg Weight | 3.87 | 4.84 | 5.84 |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 29% | 42% |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| To date/2003 | 798,576 | 769,030 | 1,505,889 |
| To date/2002 | 904,232 | 774,063 | 1,437,609 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Aug-03

(PRELIMINARY) YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS

-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| HEAD | 160,560 | 1,256 | 1,538 | 2,794 | 392 |
| AVG WT | 5.19 | 3.53 | 7.97 | 5.97 | 6.56 |
| LAST WEEK | 161,757 | 1,225 | 1,483 | 2,708 | 414 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 160,767 | 1,779 | 1,650 | 3,429 | 405 |
| AVG WT | 4.99 | 3.32 | 7.93 | 5.54 | 6.79 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 5,209,560 | 51,944 | 47,098 | 99,042 | 14,134 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 5,275,244 | 60,042 | 46,838 | 106,880 | 14,588 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.5 million head or 2.2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 26, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| | RANGE | RANGE |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .70 - .90 | Geese 9-14 LBS .50 - .60 |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | .75 | Pigeons 1.00 - 1.50ea. |
| Pekin Ducks | 4.00 - 4.25ea. | White Pigeons 3.50 - 4.10ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .20 - .30 | Rabbits 4-6 LBS .90 - 1.02 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .40 - .50 | Rabbits 6-9 LBS .80 - 1.00 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .65 | Bunnies 2.00 - 5.00ea. |
| Crossbred Roosters | | Guinea Pigs 5.00 - 8.00ea. |
| 46 LBS | .60 - 1.15 | Goats 40.00 - 60.00ea. |
| Crossbred Fowl | | Kid Goats 23.00 - 28.00ea. |
| 7-11 LBS | .60 - .80 | Doves 4.00 - 5.00ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 5.00 - 7.00ea. | |
| Banty Hens | 2.00 - 2.75ea. | |
| Leghorn Roosters | .10 - .15 | Total Coops Sold 420 |
| Silgies | 3.25 - 3.50ea. | |

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 140 | 146 |
| MOSTLY | | |
| MIDWEST | 124-128 | 125-130 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 63-66 | 63-65 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 57-86 | 65-70 |

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 60.48-69.66 |
| 14 OZ. | 66.96-76.14 |
| 16 OZ. | 73.44-83.43 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was usually good. Weights were in the desirable range. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 25-AUG-2003

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 107-124 | 125 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| JULY | 19 159.1 | 160.8 | 99% | 5.14 |
| | 26 159.2 | 162.6 | 98% | 5.11 |
| AUGUST | 2 161.2 | 162.7 | 99% | 5.14 |
| | 9 162.8 | 162.3 | 100% | 5.26 |
| | 16 163.7 | 161.7 | 101% | 5.18 |
| | 23 162.5 | 160.3 | 101% | 5.19 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 5272.9 | 5335.2 | 99% | |
| AUGUST | 30 | 157.2 | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 6 | 156.1 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| W/E | 08/23/03 | 08/16/03 | % CHG | 08/24/02 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 161,267 | 160,560* | 0 | 165,624* | -03 |
| Cattle | 731 | 725 | +01 | 715* | +02 |
| Hogs | 1,908 | 1,881 | +01 | 2,029* | -06 |

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy Canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to Moderate. Trading was limited. Offerings were sufficient for Trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

20-25 MAJORITY 23-24

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

22-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-36 MAJORITY 33.5-34.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

30-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Demand was light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were reduced. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 0-12 | 7-11 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Light demand by processors was easily serviced by ample offerings from producers. Schedules were as desired. Opinions on costs were expected to remain unchanged.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged to higher when compared to the previous week. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample. Demand was light to moderate. Opinions of values were steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|---------|------------|
| REMOVAL COST | 5-11.75 | 6.25-10.25 |

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-SEP-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Finished Product supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Offerings were at least adequate. Slaughter schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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